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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents, together with English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed.

The listed foreign documents were cited in an Office Action dated May 15, 2006, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a foreign application corresponding to U.S. Patent Application No. 11/134,416. (The other documents cited in the Office Action were previously

cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the subject application on April 28, 2006.) A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed.

It is noted that the listed foreign documents were listed in the Examiner's prior art search but do not constitute grounds of rejection in the Japanese Office Action.

U.S. Patent No. 5,671,002 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 5-270052.

U.S. Patent No. 5,163,760 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 5-330119.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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